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FROM:

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.

Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT:

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK PRESS

CONFERENCE

I would like to invite you to participate in our National Public Health Week press conference for the Department of Public Health (DPH). This year's Public Health Week theme, "Healthy People: Healthy Planet – Climate Change in L.A.," focuses on the impact of climate change on public health and how to better prepare for climate-related and other emergencies.

The press conference will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Mall Courtyard. Community leaders will join me at the press conference to speak about the importance of public health in the context of climate change, and the health-related activities occurring throughout the County in partnership with private hospitals, health providers, colleges, schools, churches, community organizations and other County Departments.

The press conference will also highlight the April 5, 2008 Public Health Week and Preparedness Family Festival DPH will host in honor of National Public Health Week. The festival will feature the "Just Be Ready: Prepare Together" emergency preparedness mobile education outreach program and will include booths from a variety of County programs promoting public health services, emergency preparedness and environmental awareness. The festival will also feature giveaways related to health and conservation, live performances and other activities. This event will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Atlantic Park, 570 S. Atlantic Blvd., East Los Angeles, CA 90022.

If your office is interested in participating in either event, please contact Rose Anne Rodriguez, Director of External Relations and Communications for DPH, at (213) 240-8144. I hope you will be able to join us to kick off a successful Public Health Week.

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c: Sheila Shima